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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)**

**SUBJECT: Request for Analysis of Current and Potential Violence Situations.**

1. As you are aware, a small group representing the White House, the Departments of State and Defense, and CIA are preparing a study on the Deterrence and Countering of Guerrilla Warfare. It would be very helpful to the study group to have available an analysis of current and potential violence situations, both to help in our deliberations in preparing the study and to serve as an Appendix to the finished paper.

2. It is intended that the study will be fairly wide in scope, ranging from current critical situations such as the Congo, Laos and South Vietnam, to ones which may be seemingly stable at the moment, but could erupt in the foreseeable future, such as Thailand.

3. It would be very much appreciated if your people could prepare an informal paper presenting such an analysis for the group. It is not at all intended that this would be considered as an NIE, or be in conflict with current approved Estimates.

4. It is hoped that the first draft of the study will be ready before the end of March. Should your people have any questions with regard to the analysis, I would suggest that they contact either Mr. [REDACTED]

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